ESH COORDINATORS' MEETING PAAA UPDATE

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National Defense Authorization Act for FY2003

- Signed into law December 2, 2002
- Extends PAAA rules to 12/31/2004
- Requires new industrial health & safety regulations at DOE facilities indemnified under PAAA
 - Promulgation within 1 year (by 12/02/03)
 - Enforcement within 1 year of promulgation



- Spring 2003 EFCOG PAAA Working Group Meeting – S. Sohinky OE
 - Industrial health & safety regulations being developed by Office of General Counsel (OG)
 - Rule will be distributed for comment
 - DOE Office of Price-Anderson Enforcement (OE) will enforce
 - Maximum fines: \$70k per day per event



Enforcement

- Enforcement details unknown
- Self-reporting similar to PAAA
- Incentive for self-identification
- Focus will be on the more serious issues (willful, repetitive, serious injury, death)

BNL Preparations/Actions

- Review & comment on draft regulations
- Gap analysis (procedures vs. regulation)
- Review DOE enforcement processes
- Modify internal procedures and R2A2s as necessary
- Establish PAAA lines of communication (IO and S & H Services Division)
- Expand PAAA Working Group
- ES&H Coordinators take PAAA CBT



External Regulation

- General Accounting Office recent report still pursuing external regulation
- If External Regulation (OSHA) applied -PAAA enforcement is eliminated

Insufficient Limited Approach Boundary



Access to Electrical Breakers is Blocked





- Electrical Safety and Radiological Interfaces
 - Electrical Equipment Safety Limited Approach Boundary vs. Radiological Boundary.
 - Storing Radiological Material in areas that may require emergency access; e.g., electrical breaker panels.
- Other ESH and Radiological Interfaces
 - Issue RAR for radiological issues in Tier 1 inspections.



- Industrial health & safety regulations under PAAA (DOE O 440.1A)
 - Industrial hygiene
 - Construction safety
 - Electrical safety
 - Confined spaces
 - Fire protection
 - Etc.



Loss of LOTO Key Control





Mixing Tags—Is it Safe or Dangerous?





Access Door Not Locked and Energized



